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Subject: 2022-2023 School Nutrition Application Packet Information
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Dear School Food Service Directors and School Authorities,

The **School Nutrition Program (SNP) Application Packet** for the 2022-2023 school year is open and available for completion. The application is completed via the [DESE Applications Sign-in](#).

*You will **NOT** be able to submit a claim until your application packet has been **approved**. A confirmation will not be sent when the packet is approved. To check on the status of the packet please log into the web application system. Packets are approved in the order received therefore the packet may not be approved immediately. If you have questions on the status of your application packet, please contact our office or your regional Nutrition Program Specialist. See the list for the [Food and Nutrition Services Contact Information](#).*

The **Food Safety Inspections Report** is available within your SNP Application and this is due on **September 15**. This report **must** be completed prior to submitting the first claim. For additional due dates please review the [Food and Nutrition Services Calendar](#).

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Applications are Delayed

- Generally free and reduced price school meal data from the preceding October is used to identify elementary schools eligible to participate in FFVP in the subsequent school year. However, as many schools will not have accurate October 2021 data because schools operated the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and did not count meals by free and reduced eligibility. Similar to last year, DESE FNS will be using data from October 2019 to identify schools eligible to participate in FFVP for the 2022-2023 school year ([USDA Memo SP 05-2021](#)). In order to make this happen our application system will need an enhancement for schools that will not have accurate October 2021 data. The system will look for October 2021 Free/Reduced amounts for each site, if October 2021 is not available, then the system will look for October 2019 Free/Reduced amounts which have been allowed by USDA to use in school year 2022-2023. We hope to have this process completed soon.
- The application deadline will be extended once the enhancement project is complete. The application must be completed via the [DESE Applications Sign-in](#).
- **Eligibility- Elementary** schools with 50% or more students eligible for free or reduced price meals as of October 2021 or 2019 or CEP claiming percentage is above 50% can fill out the *USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Application* to competitively apply to participate for the 2022-2023 school year.

Please feel free to contact our office at 573-751-3526, or
foodandnutritionservices@dese.mo.gov if you have questions.